# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1474
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2007
REHABILITATION OF MILITANTS IN NE REGION
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a large number of misguided youths operating as militants with different groups in Assam and other North Eastern States have been persuaded to lay down arms;

(b) if so, the number of militants who have so given up arms in different North Eastern States during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken and progress made in the resettlement and rehabilitation of these militants so far and the expenditure incurred by the Union Government thereon?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (c): A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1474 FOR 27.11.2007 REGARDING REHABILITATION OF MILITANTS IN NE REGION.

(a): The Government has formulated a scheme for surrender-cum-rehabilitation of militants in the North Eastern States which is applicable to those militants who have surrendered/ surrender after 1.4.1998. This scheme has been revised w.e.f. 1.4.2005. As per the revised scheme, a monthly stipend of Rs. 2,000/- per month is given to surrenderees for a period of three years after surrender and an immediate grant of Rs. 1.50 lakhs to be kept in the shape of Fixed Deposit Receipts in a bank in the name of the surrenderee which can be drawn by him on completion of three years period subject to good behavior. Incentives for surrendered weapons are also given as per the prescribed rates. Besides, vocational training for self- employment to those who desire to undergo such training is also given.

(b) & (c): The expenditure on the rehabilitation of surrenderees in North Eastern States is first incurred by the State Governments and later claimed as reimbursement from Central Government under the scheme for Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure (SRE). The details of militants surrendered and amount reimbursed by the Central Government to the concerned State Governments during the last three years are given below:

| Year | NE States No. of militants surrendered | Amount reimbursed |
|---|---|---|
| 2005 | 555 | Rs. 3.85 crore |
| 2006 | 1430 | Rs. 6.54 crore |
| 2007 (upto 31.10.2007) | 379 | Rs. 4.31 crore |

Apart from the monetary benefits, some of the steps taken for rehabilitation include vocational training, induction in Central Security Forces, appointment as Special Police Officers, allotment of land etc., wherever possible and considered necessary.